

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 23, 2003. Claims 1-15 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 7, 13, and 14 are in independent form and have been amended to define still more clear what Applicant regards as his invention. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,996,010 (Leong et al.).

Independent Claim 1 is directed to a network device managing apparatus for managing a network device based on processing first display information of the device and second display information linked from the first display information. The apparatus of Claim 1 comprises recognizing means for recognizing link information embedded in the first display information, obtaining means for obtaining instruction data to be used for displaying information based on the second display information, and acquiring means for acquiring management information of the device related to the second display information in accordance with the link information recognized by the recognizing means before the obtaining means obtains the instruction data to display the second display information. Also provided are generating means for generating output information corresponding to the second display information to prepare for displaying the acquired management information in a web page in a predetermined form by using the obtained instruction data, and transferring means for transferring, to a predetermined communication link the output information generated by said generating means.

Among other important features of an apparatus constructed according to Claim 1, is that management of the network device is performed by using first display

information and second display information. The second display information is acquired in accordance with link information embedded in the first display information. Examples of processing corresponding to the first display information and of processing corresponding to the second display information are shown by Figs. 9 and 10, respectively. Instruction data is obtained, and is a tag command used to determine a template file; an example of the instruction data is provided in the specification page 20 and Fig. 5.¹

Leong relates to a network management transaction which calls out an HTTP request to a network administration apparatus from a browser, and calls out an SNMP request to a device from the network administration apparatus (column 3, lines 25-60). Moreover, in column 3, line 60, to column 4, line 15, transmission of a list of network management functions supported by an agent is explained. However, the transmission is performed after the browser is specified. (That is, Applicant considers that it is necessary to specify the device in order to establish communication.)

Applicant submits that nothing has been found, or pointed out, in *Leong* that would teach or suggest displaying by using first display information and second display information which is acquired in accordance with link information embedded in first display information.

Leong is not seen to teach or suggest anything seen to correspond to the recited recognizing means or the obtaining means. Furthermore, the recited acquiring means and generation means use different display information related to the same device. In this point,

¹ It is of course to be understood that the claim scope is not limited by the details of any of the preferred embodiments.

Leong differs from, and does not suggest, what is recited in independent Claim 1. Accordingly, that claim is believed to be clearly allowable over *Leong*.

Independent Claims 7 and 13 are, respectively, a method or a computer memory medium claim corresponding to apparatus Claim 1, and are believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons as discussed above in connection with Claim 1.

Independent Claim 14 is directed to a network device managing apparatus that comprises specifying means for specifying a device on a network as a management target, and acquiring means for acquiring management information including a first property related to the device specified by the specifying means. Also present are generating means for generating a first output information to display the first property in a predetermined form in accordance with identification information of the device. The first output information generated by the generating means includes address information indicating a location of a second output information in a storage, the second output information including a second property related to the device specified by said specification means, the first property is different from the second property, and both the first property and the second property are related to the same device specified by the specifying means.

Claim 14 is believed to be allowable over *Leong* for reasons similar to those that apply to Claim 1 as discussed above.

A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicants' opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as references against the independent claims herein. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

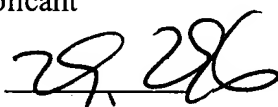
The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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